

CITY OF HARTFORD TO HOLD INTERACTIVE BUDGET PROCESS

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(February 7, 2012) --- As part of its 2012-13 budget process, Mayor Pedro E. Segarra, members of the City Council and Department Heads will host a series of workshops, beginning tomorrow at 6 p.m.

"Like most cities, Hartford is facing significant fiscal challenges," Mayor Segarra said. "However, I am confident that working with the Council President, members of Council and our managers we can develop a fiscally prudent budget that adequately addresses the needs of our stakeholders and optimizes the growth of Connecticut's Capital City."

The process will consist of a series of collaborative Committee of the Whole meetings, each designed to transparently explore the options available to address the City's budgetary situation. Leadership Greater Hartford President Ted Carroll will facilitate the workshops, which will air live on Government Cable Access Television Channel 96.

"The Council is committed to a collaborative process that engages the public and clearly defines the priorities of our city," Council President Wooden said. "I believe that, working together, we can develop a budget that balances the needs of our citizens with our fiscal capacity."

Each workshop will be held at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The workshop schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, February 8, 2012 – Budget Overview and Priorities
Wednesday, February 22, 2012 – Revenues and Expenses
Thursday, March 8, 2012 – Debt Service, Capital and Pension
Wednesday, March 21, 2012 – Board of Education, Hartford Public Library, Hartford Parking Authority

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